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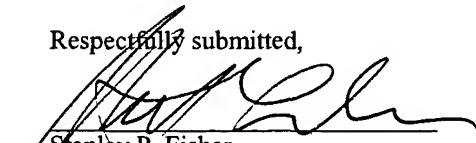
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FOR:	MEDICAL SUPPORT SYSTEM

Enclosed are:

- 11 sheets of formal informal drawings.
- Transmittal of Japanese patent application 2002-298224 to claim priority date of October 11, 2002.
- An Executed Declaration.
- An assignment executed by inventor to Hitachi, Ltd.
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